

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Serial No.: NEW

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Based on International Application No.: PCT/JP00/04337

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For: COMPOSITIONS FOR FOODS, PROCESS
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND
FUNCTIONAL FOODS AND DRINKS
CONTAINING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 28, 2001

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination under merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph after the title of the invention on page 1 of the specification:

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-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. national phase application of International Application No. PCT/JP00/04337 filed June 30, 2000, which application was not published in English. --